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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 638  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Margie Holmes on her receipt of the Tennessee Recreation Parks Association's Lifetime Member Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Margie Holmes, director of the Bartlett Senior Center, is most assuredly one such estimable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for her forty-one years of meritorious service in parks and recreation, Ms. Holmes received the Lifetime Member Award at the Tennessee Recreation Parks Association's 2001 state conference; and

WHEREAS, before she started officially working for the parks department, Ms. Holmes accompanied her children to the park across the street from her home; once there, she amiably entertained and safeguarded her children as well as the other children playing at the park; and

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WHEREAS, Margie Holmes began her distinguished service with the Tennessee Recreation Parks Association as a Playground Director with Memphis Parks and Recreation; she served the Memphis Parks and Recreation with the utmost distinction for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, starting her family right after High School, Ms. Holmes waited until her children were grown and in college, before attending the University of Memphis in the 1970s; a sterling and steadfast scholar, she completed six hours a semester to earn her degree in recreation; and

WHEREAS, she has astutely and graciously served in the senior citizen programs of Bartlett Parks and Recreation for over thirteen years; she first worked with the senior citizens of the Bartlett area in a room borrowed from the Singleton Community Center for three mornings a week; and

WHEREAS, when the construction of the Bartlett Senior Center finished three years ago, Margie Holmes began her extraordinary tenure as its Director; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable facility has blossomed under the joyous and judicious guidance of Ms. Holmes; the Bartlett Senior Center offers classes in exercise, Spanish, music appreciation, ballroom and line dancing, creative writing, and art to its more than 1,300 members ranging from 55 to 90 years of age; and

WHEREAS, a vivacious and energetic director, she regularly teaches exercise classes at the center; and

WHEREAS, Margie Holmes is deeply devoted to her family, and she has always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holmes is blessed with the love and companionship of her husband, her two children, and her five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community and State; and

WHEREAS, Margie Holmes is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Margie Holmes upon her receipt of the Tennessee Recreation Parks Association's Lifetime Member Award, commend her meritorious service to the Bartlett Parks and Recreation and the Memphis Parks and Recreation, applaud her commitment to the Bartlett Senior Center, and extend to her our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.